IN TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE HALEY AND NORMA LAGO-MARSINO

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Norma Lagomarsino and the late Katherine "Kay" Haley, who were honored recently by the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association for their decades of philanthropic work in Ventura County.

Norma Lagomarsino is the wife of former U.S. Rep. Bob Lagomarsino and a true force in making Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties strong, vibrant communities. I am blessed to have Bob Lagomarsino as one of my trusted mentors and to have Bob and Norma count as among my wife, Janice, and my closest friends.

Norma Lagomarsino has been a member of the Congressional Club in Washington, D.C., since 1974 and served as its president from 1981–1983. Among her many community activities, Norma Lagomarsino serves on the Santa Cruz Island Foundation Advisory Council, is a long-standing member of the Assistance League, is a member of the Board of Directors for Interface Children and Family Services and the National Institute of Mental Health, and was honored as a "Champion of Mental Health" by the Turning Point Foundation.

Norma and Bob also are major donors to California State University, Channel Islands, where they created the Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino Archives. They also co-chair the San Buenaventura Mission School Building Campaign.

Kay Haley, another longtime friend, was born in the Ventura County city of Oxnard to Walter H. Hoffman Jr. and Edith Hobson Hoffman, who owned Rancho Casitas, a thoroughbred breeding farm. As an adult, Kay Haley raised champion shorthorn cattle and quarter horses on her own ranch, Rancho Mi Solar. Her most famous horse, Mr. Spats, was Ronald Reagan's favorite mount.

Kay Haley had a long relationship with President Reagan, having raised funds for him during his campaigns for California governor and president. In addition to raising funds for President Reagan and other Republicans, Kay raised many thousands of dollars for the Ventura County Museum of History and Art and served on Community Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees for 30 years.

In 1986, she was given the Milton M. Teague Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. She was grand marshal of the Ventura County Fair parade in 1987.

When Ronald Reagan was governor, Haley was appointed vice chairwoman of the California State Fair Board, vice president of the board of directors of Cal Expo and served as founding chairwoman of California's Racing Hall of Fame. After eight decades of life and service, Kay passed away in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join the Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and me in honoring the philanthropic and voluntary contributions of Norma Lagomarsino and Kay Haley and in thanking them for making our community vibrant and strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded as voting for final passage of H.R. 3 on May 4, 2011. I am a cosponsor of this bill and would have voted for final passage of the bill.

HONORING SHARON K. FAWCETT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sharon K. Fawcett, the Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, who is retiring after more than 34 years of outstanding public service to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

On February 28, 2011, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to highlight the importance of our presidential libraries to our nation's history. Following the hearing, I was pleased to host a luncheon and symposium to further discuss how we can ensure these national treasures can be preserved efficiently. Ms. Fawcett was instrumental in helping to make that day productive and successful and her insight at the symposium added a tremendous amount of knowledge to our discussion.

Her love and commitment to the Presidential Library system developed at an early age: she was born in Abilene. Kansas in a house that is now part of the campus of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. In 1969, Ms. Fawcett started working at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. After raising her young children, she returned to the National Archives in Washington, DC, to be Chief of the Reference Service Branch and later the Director of User Services. In these jobs she was responsible for the overall planning, development, direction, coordination, staffing and control of all research rooms in both the National Archives building in downtown Washington, DC, and at Archives II, NARA's stateof-the-art facility in College Park, Maryland. She returned to the Office of Presidential Libraries in 1997.

Ms. Fawcett has served as Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for the past seven years and as Deputy Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries for seven years before that. In both roles she led the Library system in the development of award-winning educational programs, web sites, and exhibits. Under her leadership, the Libraries continued to open key Presidential materials-such as the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon tape recordings-that help the public understand Presidents and Presidential decision-making. The multi-library conferences on such topics as Vietnam and the Nuclear Age have become a mainstay of C-SPAN programming. She also developed innovative initiatives to start staffing early for a Presidential Library, and to add additional staffing for the newer Presidential Record Act Libraries to try to meet the growing demand for their records. When she returned to Presidential Libraries in 1997, there were no women serving as library directors and almost no representation by minorities in library positions. She pursued a goal of building a more representational work force in the libraries, hiring a more diverse and representative workforce.

I congratulate Sharon K. Fawcett for her dedication in building strong and productive relationships with a variety of stakeholders that includes the White House, Congress, and Presidential Library foundations. I thank her for her service to the National Archives and to the Nation and I wish her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Wednesday,\ May\ 4,\ 2011$

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3 and the ongoing Republican war against women's health care in America. H.R. 3 continues the Tea Party Republican's extreme social agenda to pursue unprecedented attacks on women's health and economic security.

The Republican majority passed H.R. 1 and slashed billions of dollars from programs that allow women to provide and care for their families such as Head Start, Women, infants and children (WIC), Community Service Block Grants (CSBG), and the Maternal and Child Block Grant. Clearly their efforts targeted vulnerable women and their children—people who do not have high-paid, high-powered lobbyists, as the victims of budget cuts.

Their bill H.R. 2 repealed the Affordable Care Act, which ensures women have greater access to affordable health coverage and recommended preventative care. The Republican repeal of the Affordable Care Act would strip 32 million Americans of health insurance coverage, again making families vulnerable.

Now, H.R. 3 seeks to place unprecedented restrictions on a woman's ability to receive and pay for a legal medical procedure. This Republican bill places the federal government directly between a woman and her doctor.

H.R. 3 is not about "codifying the Hyde Amendment" as my colleagues have stated. Federal law already prohibits even a single federal dollar from being used to pay for abortion services, except in the cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Instead, this legislation furthers a radical agenda that seeks to limit a woman's right to access comprehensive reproductive medical care.

Exploiting the federal tax code for ideological purposes, this bill enacts new restrictions on a woman's ability to pay for legal medical services with private insurance, a health savings account, or private funds. A responsible small business owner that includes comprehensive reproductive care in their company's insurance policy will be denied their federal health care tax credit. A survivor of rape or incest may have to prove to an IRS agent with a detailed account of her brutalization in order to use her health savings account to pay for the procedure or qualify for an itemized medical deduction on her taxes.